(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard;

(c) whether the State Governments have also urged Union Government to provide support to the police operations by allocation of more funds, equipments, training and expertise; and

(d) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry has initiated steps to phase out production of Nitro-Glycerin based explosives.

(c) and (d) Keeping in view the overall dimensions of left wing activities in some States, a high level Coordination Centre headed by the Union Home Secretary regularly reviews and monitors the situation in the affected States. The Government also provides financial support under the Scheme of Modernization of State Police Forces and reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure (SRE) to the States to combat naxalism. Central Para-Military Forces, as and when required by the naxalite affected States are also deployed.

Cases Filed Under POTA

834. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of the cases filed under 'POTA' in various States of the country during the last one year so far;

(b) the number of persons arrested and chargesheeted and convicted under the said Act; and

(c) the details of the persons arrested and released or released on bail during the said period under the said law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PAHAK): (a) to (c) Since law and order is a State subject, implementation of the provisoins of the POTA, 2002 is primarily the

responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The information regarding cases filed, persons arrested, chargesheeted, convicted and released on bail, under the POTA, 2002 in various States/ UTs of the country, is not centrally maintained in this Ministry.

Arrest in connection with Gujarat riots

835. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether individuals belonging to VHP, Bajrang Dal and RSS have been arrested after the incidents of Gujarat riots after Godhra train carnage;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of cases registered against them in the criminal courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) A total of 4252 offences have been registered, charge sheets have been filed in different courts of law in 2014 cases and 23,777 accused have been arrested in substantive offences which include certain individuals of VHP and Bajrang Dal also. The cases are in various stages of investigation and trail.

Labs in the country

836. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and locations of key Government Forensic, Fingerprint, Arsenic and Biological labs that are involved in solving crime in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these Government institutions are located in different parts of the country;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to build more such labs in all corners of India;